Nov 1 8 2004 Serial No.: 09/824,580 2645

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In repatent application of

Docket No.: YOR9-2000-0724US1

Joseph D. Rutledge et al.

Serial No.:

09/824,580

Group Art Unit: No.: 2645

Filed:

April 3, 2001

Examiner: Elahee, MD S

For:

TELEPHONE ANSWERING SYSTEM WITH COURTESY GREETING SELECTABLE

AFTER CALL IS RECEIVED

RECEIVED

NOV 2 2 2004

Technology Center 2600

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2004, Applicants request reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the following. Attached hereto is a 37 C.F.R. §1.131 Declaration.

Applicants believe that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to IBM Deposit Account No. 50-0510.